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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF

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Presented for filing is a new divisional patent application of:

The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded in the parent application on December 10, 1996 at Reel 8355 and Frame 0965.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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